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**AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE PROGRAMS  
AT THE OLD COURTHOUSE**

ST. LOUIS, MO.- **1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2004** the National Park Service invites the public to a special program entitled ***"LITERATURE: VOICE OF THE PEOPLE."***

**Gerald Brooks**, Director of Marketing for the St. Louis Public Library, hosts this provocative and stimulating 45-minute conversation about the diverse personalities and voices of our world. His guests include **Kathryn Nelson**, educator and retired Director of the Danforth Foundation; **Marcus Watson**, President of the Black Consortium; and **Eugene Redmond**, local author and civil rights activist. Join us as Mr. Brooks and his guests explore the contributions that literature has made to the community and the nation and reflect upon the diverse literary personalities they admire.

**NOTE:** Mr. Brooks is available for pre-arranged interviews about the program. You may contact Mr. Brooks at 314-539-0315 or [gbrooks@slpl.lib.mo.us](mailto:gbrooks@slpl.lib.mo.us).

*The Old Courthouse is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All ranger and special museum programs are **free** of charge. For reservations and additional information call 314-655-1700 weekdays or 314-655-1626 on weekends and holidays, or 7-1-1 Voice/TTY Telecommunications Relay Service, or you can visit our website at <http://www.nps.gov/jeff>.*

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